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Workers trumpet?

The Editor,

I must protest strongly against the latest issue of *Woroni* (16 June). As a student from a working class background I found it insulting, both personally and to the working class as a whole.

If I may begin with the matter which most aroused my contempt: the article 'Slave Labour at Bruce Hall?' (on page 5).

The article begins: 'The Warden of Bruce Hall, Bill Packard, is sacking 13 hall staff by the beginning 1978...' and that was it: one fleeting reference to the only serious issue involved in the Bruce Hall changes. The article then dealt completely with Mr Packard's plan of 'Ormondization'. It didn't surprise me in the least that the two writers Ellison and Lawry both concentrated their attention upon the issue of student labour. This complete disregard for the workers is symptomatic of a kind of mentality which needs to be waited upon. What really got on my goat was that you made no mention of the 13 sackings! To make matters worse your only comment was a frivolous one about Alastair Walton which matched your equally frivolous and spurious photographs of the said character. This incredibly insulting neglect of the workers shows up just how bourgeois students can be: to think that someone actually took the time to take those photos of Walton makes me sick.

The issue is not and must never be whether or not the students of Bruce Hall are forced to do odd jobs. The issue is that no matter what type of money-saving plans are introduced they must *not* include the sacking or salary cutting of workers! If the plush Bruce Hall type of living is becoming expensive then those who wish to use the Hall must bloody well pay for it in higher fees. 'The general nature of the problem,' writes Ellison, 'is the present high costs of paid people. It seems inevitable that a great reduction must be made, then, in the paid staff.' The fact of the matter is that all last year while Bill Packard boasted voraciously about how successfully Bruce Hall was managing, the paid staff at Bruce Hall were cleaning up filth and being paid wages below the normal level for their jobs. So now when they come to get what is theirs they get the sack. This situation is like any business: the profits go down and so the bloody-minded executive sacks the workers to cut costs. In the Bruce business — the students who are the shareholders want to sack 13 staff members to save money — what a weak-livered spineless action of passing the buck that is! Nor has the issue anything to do with the trend away from fully collegiate style accommodation; a trend which may eventually lead to the Universities Commission re-thinking its manner of allocating monies to colleges (ie a change in its present attitude could lead to the sacking of

NO EDITORIAL

thank god!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

high salaried Wardens and hence the maintenance of services and the jobs that occupy them). These 13 workers must not be sacked simply because Bruce Hall residents have enjoyed services while not paying for them. What really upsets them of course is that also as part of Mr Packard's attempts to save even more money is the 'Ormondization' plan, which will mean doing manual labour themselves. For chrissakes Phil, does *Woroni* support the working class or not!

When I flicked through I got exactly the same feeling I get if I ever read the *Bulletin*: bourgeois and antagonistic towards the working class and then the occasional bright spot of say 'Professor Price'. Exactly the same occurred reading the issue of *Woroni* I speak of: The Bruce Article (and of course Mr Walton's equally insulting letter on page 2), the luke-warm editorial, the Walton article on 'Defence', and the fact too, that you made no comment under your piece 'Disciplinary Committee charges Dropped', (I mean to say what the heck was it set up for and why the hell can Jon Nicholson criticise someone publicly and then not back up his charges) to counter these the paper contained good articles on Sullivan's Creek, Whales and life outside the university to name but three.

Let me also take up a point concerning Walton's article on 'Defence'. The article should not have been included simply because of its weak-mindedness. Let me make this plain from the outset: Walton's article should have been kept out not for any reason of censorship but because the low intellectual standard of the article drags down the standard of the whole paper. The article begins, 'Many students claim that Australia should assume a more independent stance in areas of foreign affairs. In addition they are opposed to any extraction of uranium.' Mr Walton, again revealing the symptoms of his kind of mentality, cannot reconcile this, '... left-wing students in particular', he continues, 'are unable to face the fact that such demands also involve radical changes to our defence postures.' Like Olber counting stars Walton cannot understand why the whole immensity of left-wing students should be in the dark on this point — and from this 'paradox' he builds his theory. No one I think, is about to deny, that, as Walton so correctly states, 'Destroyers form the backbone of a navy and patrol boats should operate around, and actively extend their capabilities, rather than supplant them.' (Wow — and other gems of intellectual incisiveness similar to that one!) And no one, (on the left anyway) is going to deny that world diplomatic relations are still largely the 16th century 'poison in your ear' type. But good grief Walton can't you see that Defence cutting and leaving Uranium in the ground are only irreconcilable when one continues to act with the same immorality of forces in the world with 'defence' — I mean 'war' mentality? Yeah, I know, the world's a big bad place but I don't intend to sacrifice my principles for anything — especially if it means adopting the same attitudes as yourself!

You may argue Phil that because you don't censor articles that Walton's article has every right to be in *Woroni*. But you should not pad out the paper

with trash for the sake of annoying people into discussion by insulting their intelligence! If the good contributions for the issue do not number as many as usual then you should cut down the size of the paper!

Woroni, then, under your editorship, has no form or unity of purpose. While on the one hand you attack the hypocrisy of the Fraser Government on the other hand you insult the intelligence of your readers and neglect the plight of the working class. In doing so you show yourself to be a person (or an editor at least) who is alienated from the struggle in the simple sense that you feel quite outside the thing you describe; you seem cut off as it were, viewing the idiot scene from the other side of the asylum wall.

The problem facing a student newspaper editor should to my mind be exactly that faced by any serious artistic writer. Broaching the larger question of alienation in modern society Jack Lindsay has described the problem I speak of, 'His problem is not, and cannot be, one of simply separating out of the lords of the system and attacking them though if he is to be effectively clear sighted, he will still have to grasp to some extent the mechanisms of oppression, exploitation and power domination which play a key part in perpetuating and deepening alienation. His artistic problem must be incomparably wider than the political task of pillorying the persons or groups who supremely profit by the system of alienation. He may, and should, feel pity for the victim of the system, but he is forced at the same time to recognize the complicity of the victim of his own murder. For if the victims were to face their own nature, the whole system would end overnight. Compassion and anger then must go hand-in-hand, and will certainly become entangled in the artists images, his definitions, their is nothing wrong about that so long as his senses of values remains unaffected, so long as he sees the link up between the individual distortion and the general structure of alienation.'

This argument could of course, be used against the editorship of *Woroni* in recent years when although we could see the editors conscientiously exposing the 'mechanisms of oppression, exploitation, and power domination' and consistently 'pillorying the persons or groups who supremely profit by the system of alienation' at the same time their dogmatism was often liable to obscure the individuality of those they sought to defend. They did not, Lindsay would say, 'recognise the complicity of the victim of their own murder'. But at least under their editorship we were exposed to the anger Lindsay speaks of.

In the *Woroni* issue I'm attacking, any attempt by you to attack Fraser's hypocrisy seems incredibly shallow. Quite simply: the process that made us aware of alienation must inevitably contain a system of values that condemns alienation — the hated thing; any horror not based on aversion is meaningless. Pontificating superior vantage points falsify one's recognition of things and leads merely to vacuous denunciations; without anger there can be no compassion.

I do not advocate a return to a policy of incessant dogmatism but I do advocate that the editor make a relent-

less attempt at serious journalism. I am sure that you will consider my objections constructively — if you don't then you fail in much the same way as your predecessors.

Greg Ellis

Hare we go again

Dear Editor,

In reply to Robert Lake's attack on me, I have but three questions to ask:

- (1) Why did you choose to attack me in such a childish manner; indeed, shy attack me at all? Surely you can't be against student representation in the administration of the A.N.U. — or are you?
- (2) If you aren't attacking either my ideas or me personally, then that only leaves my style of presentation. Surely I have the right to say something in the manner I choose without being publicly (i.e. through *Woroni*) stamped on.
- (3) A question to Phil Dickie — since when have you allowed idiotic attacks on people in *Woroni*? Surely this is not the proper venue for such childish ramblings?

Phil Hare

Ed.: — answer to last query. Editorial policy is that all letters to the editor are published unless defamatory.

APOLOGY

We placed an advertisement on page 2 of Vol. 29, No. 6, 1/6/77 requesting contributions towards the cost of the ANOP Poll on Abortion in the A.C.T. Due to a misunderstanding we stated the Poll was commissioned by the Abortion Counselling Service. This was an error, the poll was commissioned by the Women's Information & Health Counselling Service.

A.N.O.P. Poll on Abortions

Any member of the University who wishes to contribute to the cost of the A.N.O.P. Poll organised by the Women's Information & Health Counselling Service, and recently carried out in the A.C.T. on attitudes on abortion on demand, please send donations to:

Diana Riddell
C/- Students' Association
Office,
PO Box 4 Canberra, ACT 2600

CAMPUS NEWS

SULLIVANS CREEK FIRE RISK

News is what someone somewhere wants to suppress. Everything else is advertising.

Woroni takes news items and news tips. Contact the editor.

TOTALLY SCURRILOUS

Defoliating

The Forestry Society has submitted a list of Bush Week activities to S.A. President Jon Nicholson. Event No.4 for the week is the 'Execution of S.A. President'. An explanatory note adds 'will be as slow and as painful as possible'

Union outfoxes Vandals?

New washbasins fitted to the Mens toilets in the Union Bar look suspiciously like old urinals. The stainless steel extremely solid troughs were needed to replace a whole succession of more normal porcelain washbasins, systematically destroyed by bar patrons. There are no fittings except garden type taps and bare pipes. Yes, the soap is chained to the wall as well.

Frozen Green Peas

Has the Union just acquired several hundred weight of cheap frozen green peas? Peas are now served with nearly every meal. The new range of mini-meals reflects this — sausages, chips and peas, steakette, chips and peas, or fried eggs, chips and peas. Fair enough but how about spaghetti bolognese and peas or sweet & sour pork with peas. And coming soon — Spam, Spam, Spam and Spam.

The Not-so-Moderate Coalition

Union Board of Management elections are here again and it looks like being a reasonably interesting election (that is more than the required ten candidates) should be standing. Last year the election was interesting by the running of a self-styled 'Moderate Coalition'. However they were neither moderate nor a coalition — all were members of the ANU Liberal Society. The left rallied, and of the seven nominees only one was elected.

Incendiarism

Soon after the last issue of *Woroni* was released a group of feminists ceremonially burnt a copy in the Union Bar. Former *Caesarian* editor Tim Graham (Mr P.M. Trundle) thereupon walked over to them and asked if they would like to burn the latest copy of *Caesarian* as well. To which they replied 'Why don't you burn it yourself!'

Last week *Woroni* received several calls from people in the university who had seen or smelt gallons of oil floating down Sullivan's Creek.

Ray Vaughan, an ANU student and a representative of the Department of Construction traced the spill back to the Building of the New Zealand Victoria Insurance Company. The spill which was at first thought to be heating oil is now thought to be the residue in some airconditioning tanks, pumped straight into a

drain by workmen of the company in question. The company claims that only 20 gallons were pumped out, but an officer within the Department of Construction said the amount spilt would be closer to 100 gallons. A sample of creek water taken by Ray Vaughan is almost pure distillate effluent, which on its own would make a passable lubricant. It is understood that the Department of the Capital Territory is considering taking legal action against the company, possibly

under the Rates Ordinance.

The Department of Construction says that oil spills can be trapped in the drains if the Department is notified immediately. However there is no legislation requiring that the department be immediately notified and obviously most offenders wouldn't. We wish the Department of the Capital Territory a successful prosecution and hope that such a case would serve as a warning to future offenders.

GOVT. INVOLVED IN 2XX SURVEY

WESTERWAY: Results will not be used for tribunal

Recently the Posts & Telecommunications Department commissioned McNair Anderson Associates Pty.Ltd. to conduct a survey of Radio in Canberra. Three questions on the one page questionnaire issued to 250 Canberrans related to 2XX, and 2XX station workers were immediately concerned that the questions on the station were likely to evoke a negative response.

The fact that it was a Government department which had commissioned the survey was not at first known, and McNair Anderson when first approached said that they could not name their client. After several enquiries Mr McNair, of the survey firm said that the Department of Posts & Telecommunications had both commissioned the survey and assisted in framing the questions.

2XX Workers are concerned that survey findings could be brought up at Broadcasting Control Board Tribunal hearings into the 2XX licence. Question No. 3(c) on the questionnaire asks whether respondents would like to see the station granted a permanent licence. At the moment the station has an experimental licence until the end of November. Broadcasting Control Board Tribunal hearings could start as soon as August.

A source within the Department confirmed that the department had commissioned the survey and said it was because they had some spare cash lying around. It is estimated that the McNair Anderson survey would cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000 although one person within Radio station 2CA mentioned a figure as high as \$5,000. However this official reasoning for the survey, is not as spurious as it sounds — Government departments are now hurriedly spending all their excess money prior to the end of the financial year. Asked what

the survey results would be used for, the source within the Department indicated that they would be used in planning and possibly for the Tribunal.

Only pilot survey

Assistant Secretary for the Division within the Department, Mr Peter Westerway stated that the survey was merely a pilot survey in preparation for a possible larger survey to be carried out on 2XX. He said that such surveys had been carried out on stations 3EA and 3ZZ in Melbourne although, one of the stations contacted later, denied any knowledge of such a survey.

It was put to Mr Westerway that as the questionnaire was only a pilot survey with a sample size of only 250 the results could not possibly be brought before the Tribunal. He agreed, saying that the results were primarily intended to assist in designing a questionnaire for the full survey.

Mr Westerway also stated that the results would be made available to both 2XX and other Canberra radio stations. Although the first person spoken to in the department had said survey results could be used for the Tribunal, 2XX workers were considerably relieved by Mr Westerway's unequivocal statement that the pilot survey results could and would not be used by the Tribunal.

Reservations about survey

The reservations of 2XX workers about the wording of the questionnaire seem to have been justified. The

Director of A.N.U.'s Survey Research Centre, Mr Ken Brewer, expressed serious reservations about the questions which had 2XX as their exclusive concern. He said that asking respondents to judge whether 2XX programmes were 'unprofessional, juvenile, distasteful, or morally objectionable' introduced ideas that were unfamiliar and negative in relation to most people's conception of radio. This would tend to give respondents a negative predisposition to the question and of whether 2XX should be granted a permanent licence. Another question asked whether respondents thought that 2XX was acceptable to the Canberra community. According to Mr Brewer the best way to determine a community attitude is to determine the individual attitudes of a representative sample of community members. It is thought that individuals will generally judge a community to be less favourable than it actually is — simply because those who object to something tend to be more vocal than those who do not. It is also worth noting that the ANOP poll on attitudes to abortion used a sample of 400 people and that an earlier survey on attitudes to the taking of life used a sample of 293 people (the sampling in this case was much closer to probability sampling than the Gallup method used by McNair Anderson).

It is understood that action is being considered by 2XX to prevent the pilot survey results — which will be of doubtful validity — being used in any way other than in designing a new questionnaire.

Phil Dickie

T AUS ~ SINKING SHIP?

As it lurches from crisis to crisis A.U.S. shows all the symptoms of self-destructing before the end of July.

The recent E.R., initiated by the Tasmanian C.A.E.(Newnham), calling for the dismissal of *National U* editor, Jefferson Lee, will in all probability be passed. One reason for this is the system whereby campuses who do not register a vote are, for the most part, taken as having voted along the lines of the Executive.

Lee, on the other hand, still has control over *National U* and he has shown that it is possible to print the paper in Sydney without any jurisdiction from A.U.S. Executive. Although N.S.W. Exec member, David Patch claims that the last edition was not in fact *'National U'*, a run-of-the-mill student picking up a copy would have little reason to doubt the credibility of Lee's latest

effort. To one who is ignorant of the ins and outs of Maoist and Trotskyist thought, *'National U'* is just another left-wing national student newspaper. The material content and presentation of the paper can only appeal to, at best, 30% of the general student population.

The language of Maoist, Trotskyist or for that matter, Marxist dialectics is not that of your average student. If the idea is to educate students to a level where they can understand such things it is imperative that the message be put across in a more palatable form to be in any way effective.

The major bones of contention in A.U.S. this year have been complete 'non-issues' in terms of general student interest. Bromide machines and ice-picks/screwdrivers may be good Alistair Maclean material but are of

very little value to the student in Lismore, Perth or Toowoomba. True, they only represent the fight for autonomous editorial rights as against *National U* being a mouth-piece for the A.U.S. Executive but even that does not excuse such behaviour on the part of national officers of the Union.

The major criticism levelled against Lee has been his refusal to treat education as an issue, except in his battle against multi-nationals and the super-powers. Although his latest effort gave five news pages to education, women, blacks and education-related matters, the paper gave way to Maoist propaganda straight after the centre-page spread on Uranium. (Good on yer Jef).

'Whatever the outcome of Jefferson Lee's battle, and his chances are not good, it is certain that the Executive will not emerge with 'flying colours'. The result of the voting should be known by July 22nd. No doubt the Executive will stall as long as possible on the recent spill motion, moved by the University of N.S.W. If however, the opinions of students across Australia were to be accurately reflected a spill of all positions on the Executive would be inevitable. One can only hope that, if this does occur, A.U.S. will achieve a more rational, balanced and ultimately, effective leadership - Not for Christ's sake Danby and his cohorts.

Tim Graham.

Film Group or Fiasco

DON'T BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS YOU IF YOU'RE HUNGRY

A good many film group members would have been quite puzzled, and many annoyed, at the treatment they received on Friday night's special screening of *'One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest'* and *'American Graffiti'*.

Early in the week silk screen posters advertising an extraordinary *'current Members Only'* screening began appearing on noticeboards. This was just the bonus non-holidaying members at campus would welcome.

Friday evening arrived and with it the great pilgrimage of film fans to the Coombs Lecture Theatre began. Any group member at this stage could not have guessed that anything was amiss. Alas, at about 6.50 pm the storm clouds started brewing. A few people were ejected from the theatre until authoritative persons arrived, a reasonable request in itself. The arrival of authority! Perhaps all the willing members could enter, but no, the worst blow was yet to come. Having a membership card, had changed by some strange force from being an asset to a definite liability. We had stumbled over a primitive attempt at a membership drive. The ANU Film Group Council had decided on the drive and had accordingly advertised the screening. An official, in no uncertain terms, told us we had no right to be here, we should have read the poster which stated *'New Members Only'* (a load of bull, the poster stated *'Current Members Only - No Guests'*, but was irrefutable at the time) and that we should have read the committee minutes. Of all the wek-knead excuses, that could have been used, after all, who besides the few committee members get the minutes of meetings?

Our small-time Hitler having placed himself in this position then conceded that if we moved into the foyer at 7.25, five minutes before the screening was to commence, if seats remained we could have a seat.

Members at the beginning of the queue possessed the Kissinger talent and it seemed that a com-

promise might be worked out. Why not allocate a sufficiently large portion of the theatre to potential new members and allow veterans in the remaining portion? Worker members were even prepared to supervise such an operation. But no the compromise was not to be. The current president Yvonne Kenyon, by now at the scene of the discussion, refused even to be drawn into any aspect of the mix-up stating, *'I don't want to argue about it.'*

My suggestion, that we weren't wanted because we had already paid our \$10 membership, was, much to my disappointment, agreed to by the official.

What could we do as members do, when our own society, in the shape of its senior executive, had kicked us in the teeth? We could either go home in disgust as a few probably did, or we could do as suggested and queue in and outside the foyer (in freezing conditions) as approximately 200 members did and wait until about 50 new members arranged themselves.

This episode, along with Thursday's missing projectionist incident can do nothing to renew confidence in the ANU Film Group or its executive. Disregarding paid up members to encourage new members who have yet to fork out with the valued currency is a discourtesy scarcely tolerable, but when the wrong information is forwarded to members and no effort is made to alleviate the problem, a gross injustice has been perpetrated from which nothing but bad feeling can flow.

Friday 17th's screening embodied a suggestion stated herein that 4 rows of seats were reserved for new members, and I'm glad to see that the president's move to provide free champagne to new members at special screenings was defeated at a recent committee meeting. Sale of refreshments to all members would probably be more appreciated by most Film Fans.

Virginia Carey

ASIO Infiltrates Spartacists

Self-confessed ASIO spy, Janet Langridge, was expelled from the Spartacist League after revealing her identity to a meeting of the SL on Friday 10 June.

Langridge, a first-year student at Sydney University, re-affirmed her involvement with ASIO in a taped interview the following day with her solicitor, Mr Tom Kelly. In subsequent interviews with George Petersen, MLA, NSW and Senator Arthur Gietzelt she confirmed her story and signed statutory declarations to that effect.

In her first interview Langridge revealed that she had been persuaded to work for ASIO by her boyfriend Mark Tiernan, an apprentice electrical fitter at Delairco, 90 Sussex St. Sydney. Langridge stated that on the 10th August, 1976, she had been introduced by Tiernan to Terry Poulos and Laurie Pollard, both employees of ASIO.

For \$600 a month, tax-free, Langridge signed a contract

'to work my way into their confidence, become a member, do everything that was expected of me, go to the local meetings, make thorough reports of the people, how many were there, the positions the held.' (- from Langridge's interview)

Langridge revealed herself to the SL because she came to *'respect them and ... what they stand for and I don't respect myself for what I've been doing'*

According to the Spartacists *'The truth of the class struggle and the honesty, dedication and commitment of those fighting for the cause of Proletarian Revolution have often proved more attractive than the bourgeoisie's Blood Money.'*

The Spartacists were not prepared to take Langridge back into the fold and roundly condemned all who *'For a fistful of dollars and a few kicks were prepared to hand working-class militants over to the ruling class's apparatus of repression. They cannot be trusted.'*

The best defence against police infiltration is to maintain a high level

of political debate unmarred by slander and violence. *'Gangsterism and cop-baiting - for which the Maoists and Healyite Socialist Labour League are particularly notorious - by creating an atmosphere of political mistrust, only facilitates the work of the secret police, no less than the social democrats' complacency. It was the Spartacists' Bolshevik discipline and programmatic integrity which broke Langridge.'*

The Spartacist League *'Demands that ASIO and all secret police agencies be abolished, that all infiltration into the workers' movement cease. But we also realise that the bourgeoisie will never do away with its covert repressive apparatus. Just deserts for ASIO and all the bosses' secret police spies will come only after the proletarian revolution installs the working class in state power. SMASH ASIO THROUGH PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION!'*

Tim Graham

Canberra contact for the SL:
John Hird, ph. 49 7071

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 pm Thursday, July 21.
Garran Hall Music Room 1,
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Agenda

- . Election of office bearers
 - . A.U.S. resolutions
 - . Cultural and social activities
 - . Seminar program
 - . The Israeli elections.
 - . The Crisis at Manchester University (the expulsion of Jewish students from the students' union.
 - . Supper provided; B.Y.O.G.
- For further information, contact
Sonja Weinberg, ANUJSS Chairperson,
Garran Hall, or Alan on 95 9102.

LEFT - WING REACTIONARIES

I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that a lot of radicals in both A.N.U. and A.U.S. are little more than left-wing reactionaries. A reactionary is anyone who tolerates opposition to fundamental change; it seems that the concentration within the A.U.S. on infighting is allowing such a tolerance of Fraser's opposition-through-neglect to a changing Australia. The so-called radicals have set up their own 'means test', under which the Australian people have to pass in the categories of non-sexism, non-racism, ecological awareness and anti-capitalism before they will be considered as suffering humans. It is this elitism which makes many university leftists reactionary rather than radical.

Left-wing reactionaries can often be spotted by their obsession over middle class versus working class. This is very pronounced in those who have had to suffer economic privilege all their lives - they are constantly trying to find the 'true' worker. What they end up finding are Australians firmly committed to hedonism, political nonchalance and raking the money in. Ideologically stricken, the left-wing reactionary continues this obsession with the working class, only now the masses are seen as all deadshits instead of all heroes. Nowhere is the idea of finding the 'true' worker seen for what it is - idealistic elitist crap.

Left-wing reactionaries also have to view the present system as being not just wrong (which I do) but also EVIL (which I don't). Capitalism is denigrated in a manner approaching religious frenzy, in which the idea of basing an economic structure on private property is seen as the institutionalization of the Anti-Christ. Such a frenzy calls for propaganda which asserts revealed truth after revealed truth. The reader of this propaganda is put into an ahistorical bind, by which I mean the reader cannot understand it with a critical awareness (which feeds the ideas into the reader's developin' consciousness). The reader is forced to either take on trust what has been put forward, or forcibly reject it as bullshit. In both cases, the result is a stunting of someone's consciousness, and that can only be reactionary.

The opposition to a critical awareness of ideas by left-wing reactionaries was shown earlier this year in an incident at Macquarie University in Sydney. There, two feminists seized 1,500 copies of the campus student newspaper and dumped them around the uni. Their reason was that the issue contained a sexist cartoon. They no doubt believed they had a duty to protect others from such material - a belief which has been the excuse used by puritanical wowsers for 150 years of press censorship in Australia.

Left-wing reactionaries, through their elitism and ahistorical slogans, merely delay a proper transformation of society. Their attitudes ought to be pushed aside by all radicals whether they be tagged left-wing or right-wing.



The Melbourne Age printed in mid-June a series of articles on the Australian press. You could sense they hurt. The Age painfully declared itself to be 'small liberal' and called the Sydney Morning Herald 'conservative'. I read on wondering how it would class the Canberra Times, but it neglected to do so; maybe The Age could find no one word to fit the Canberra Times mixture of cynicism and pomposity.

The writer of The Age articles, Peter Smark, is able to cram more similes into one line of print than a bad Romantic poet. 'Like the Moon', Smark smirked, 'the Australian Press is watched closely by experts and amateurs alike, trampled on by men in heavy boots and still usually comes out at night'. Smark must have been wearing slippers, for his treatment of the Press was more of a tippytoe than a trample. I guess he was daring enough to mention the concentration of newspaper ownership, but then again, No. 96 was daring five years ago.

What did interest me was when Smark quoted Max Walsh (editor of The Financial Review) as saying 'newspaper executives, and here I refer to the editorial side, have succeeded in a precarious profession. Almost without exception, they come from backgrounds which give them no financial support and they operate in an industry with few alternative job opportunities All these factors make for caution and conservatism'

Walsh is dead on. Too many left-wing reactionaries fail to see that conservatives and sexists are as oppressed as anyone else. In saying this, I don't mean conservatism and sexism should be tolerated, but at least such things should be humanly understood.

David Browne

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NATIONAL ACTIVISTS' CONFERENCE

Sexism is Education Project

This year the Women's Department will produce a resources/action booklet about what it is like to be a woman in a particular course or discipline, or in other areas in which students are involved (eg. the Students' Association). Therefore it is important that women on campus start collecting information on one or more of the following: course content, teaching staff, other students, student politics, the administration etc. It is hoped that the booklet will contain an important and varied range of information on everything from what it is like to be the only woman in a male dominated course to what it is like to take a course where there are few men or none at all, to what happens to women who decide to get involved in their S.R.C. or Students' Association. Gaby, the Women's Officer has produced a leaflet about the project which gives more details and suggestions as to ways of collecting information. These are available from the Students' Association Office. For other enquiries or information which you have collected, contact Gaby at A.U.S. 97 Drummond Street, Carlton, Vic 3053)

Part-time and External Students

This workshop found so much to discuss that it extended its time and lasted two and a half hours because we felt that there were a great number of problems experienced by part-time and external students with regard to becoming involved in the education campaign. These problems stem from the fact that part-time and external students do not see themselves as 'students'; much of our activities are outside of the education process, and if we intend to become politically involved it is more likely to be with a group in the community. However, the issues raised by the campaign in fact affect us just as much as they affect full-time students. Some of the things which we felt were important were timetabling, library hours, the closing down of campuses, the closing of courses, childcare facilities, course structure (which is structured by the availability of staff rather than by educational needs and is not geared to part-time students), assessment (no relevance of work experience), transferrability of courses from one institution to another and the lack of accreditation of work experience. All these are closely related to education funding and cutbacks. On another level, some part-time students had experiences discrimination at work, firstly for being students (one was told, when going for an exam. to have a nice holiday) and secondly, to an even greater extent if they become involved in 'student politics' or A.U.S. campaigns. Part-time students must support one another in these situations.

The workshop put out a leaflet suggesting some solutions to these problems, and also giving suggestions for forming part-time and external students' groups:

There are two steps that can bring the part-time and external student into an active role within the student movement. The first is in our basic approach, as activists, in transmitting information to part-time and external students. In presenting handbills and information sheets we need to make the information more specific in its relation to part-time and external students. They

can be made more aware of the current attacks on education as they are one of the first groups to be affected by 'economy' moves on their campus. It is on these narrower issues that we can make them aware of the broader issue of education cutbacks.

Basically in bringing the importance of the education campaigns home to part-time and external students we should:

- Point out specifically where the attacks on education affect them.
- Use local part-time and external students issues to point out the place of part-time and external students in regard to national issues.
- Make part-time and external students aware that they are part of the student movement, nearly 50% of A.U.S. constituents.

Handbook for Mature Aged Women Students

The Women's Department is producing this handbook and the purpose of the workshop was to exchange some ideas about what it should contain. There is no set definition of exactly what it is that makes someone a mature age student - it is not simply a question of age (someone over 25), although that is part of it. Mature age students also often have children - thought not always. What seems to be a common factor is that 'mature age' students have taken a break, whether to work, have children, etc. before continuing their education. This fact alone raises many problems: unfamiliarity with libraries, essay writing, etc. time problems due to other commitments, responsibility for children and lack of child care, financial problems, etc. Women who have been engaged in housework before coming to tertiary education often find that husbands are not willing to help out with housework and children, and that they have no personal space or time at home in which to study. One woman in the workshop studied in the kitchen on Saturday mornings while the husband and kids were out. Another had resorted to getting up at 4 a.m. in order to get some peace and quiet so she could work. The women in the workshop who had children said that students who lived with their parents or in a university residence had plenty of time for study - their meals were cooked for them, etc. They, on the other hand had to get the children to school, then go to uni, come home and cook dinner, and finally, when there was a chance to study they were really tired. Even seemingly small facts, such as the differences in school and university holidays, caused problems.

Women who had had a job where they could make their own decisions felt a loss of freedom at university - eg compulsory lecturers, due dates, assessment etc. and felt that once they had made the decision to further their education they should be allowed to be responsible for it.

And, of course, there was the problem of isolation. There was little time to sit in the refectory and chat to other students, and talk about problems, some of the women believed that they should be able to cope, and felt guilty when unable to. It was a relief to discover that they were not alone in these feelings.

The booklet will be available later this year. More suggestions for it can be sent to Liz Parker at A.U.S. (97 Drummond St. Carlton, Vic 3053).

Jane Bullen.

WHY CARE ABOUT URANIUM ?

Two reasons. Firstly we believe each person has an equal right to determine the kind of society we all have to live in (do you think this happens at present?). Secondly, university students are in the fortunate position of being exposed to an environment that stimulates thought; in this position we feel a responsibility to think a little further than our immediate personal gains.

If you've thought about uranium mining, nuclear power, destroying native forests for wasteful packaging, killing whales etc. and have come to the conclusion that there are better options, then we have a lot in common. So we'd like to hear from you about your ideas and help us push for change.

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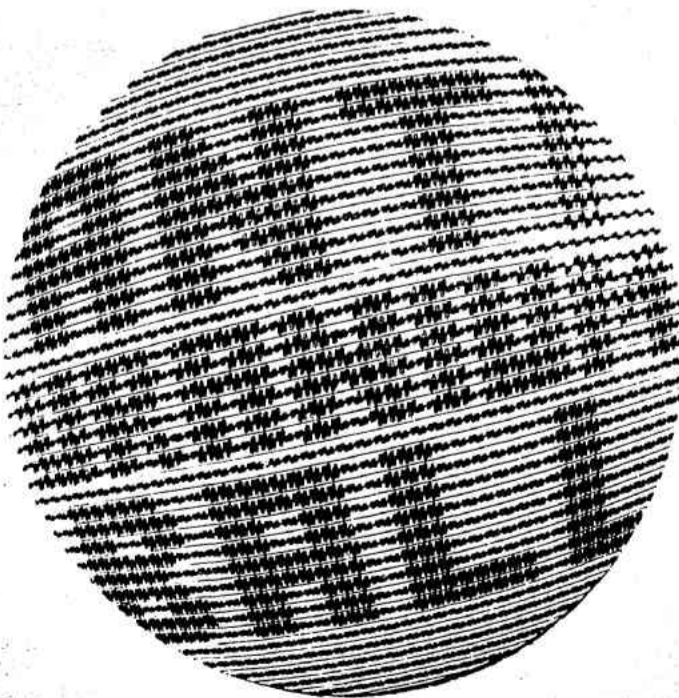
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9.30 pm Union Refectory
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Union Bar
Folk The Larrikins
Meetings Room
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Proceeds to Movement Against Uranium Mining, MAUM (ACT) is calling for a 5 year moratorium on uranium mining to enable widespread public debate. MAUM acknowledges with thanks the free contribution of services from everyone participating in this event.

WHALE COMMISSION WINDS UP



Willie R.I.P. 24/6/77

The Final Outcome

The International Whaling Commission is over for 1977. The diplomats ably assisted by the whaling industry met in a hermetically-sealed hotel to squabble for a week over who should get what from the bloody game they play on the oceans. What we learnt is that the place to stop them is not at the IWC, where the rules are set and the trade-offs are made before the meeting starts or in secret but at home, every day of the year. This is what they did. Only we can stop it.

Drop in Quotas

The Commission meeting saw a huge cut in quotas - 9,500 whales from last year. Most dramatically affected were the North Pacific sperm whale stocks (zero males, 763 females), the Southern Hemisphere sei whales (dropped to 771 from 1863) and Southern Hemisphere minke whales (dropped from 8,900 to 5,690). The whaling nations accepted the cuts, although in the case of the North Pacific sperm whales these may be revised by means of a special scientific meeting on North Pacific sperm whales in November this year, to be followed if necessary and at the discretion of the Chairman Arthur Bollen by a Special Meeting of the Commission. North Pacific whaling would not normally start until March 1978.

Multi-species question

Multi-species management (or lack of) became one of the most important issues. Not only may the sei and minke whales be changing because of reduced numbers of blue and fin whales, but also the seals in the Antarctic, which are increasing, eat more krill than all baleen whales combined. The New Management Procedure was not adequate to set quotas

for whale populations that may be increasing before exploitation began.

Risk

The question of risk, (reduction of the percent of msy taken, presently 90%) was frequently mentioned, but inadequately discussed. The Scientific Committee deferred the discussion to next year's meeting. It is almost certain that if properly examined this question will lead to recommendations to allow larger safety margins in the setting of quotas than exist at present.

Data

The need for data resulting from whaling to be supplied was urged on the whaling members of the Commission. At present the Soviets provide little or no information, the Japanese are not forthcoming with information on minke whales, and Iceland has been identified as being very unwilling to supply any information at all, though she now assures the Commission that she will do so.

'Scientific' Permits

Data made available from the Japanese from their bryde's whales experiment was not entirely satisfactory to the Scientific Committee. Of the 225 'sample' caught, only 40 were completely measured for body proportions, and in the course of the expedition only 3 whales were marked. An alteration to the Rules of Procedure (not an alteration to the Convention) was put forward by the Scientific Committee. It is worth noting that a minority group in the Scientific Committee felt that no biological sampling (eg. killing in most cases) should occur before sighting and marking surveys had been carried out; they were particularly concerned that the bryde's whales from which 225 had been taken came from an area where stocks were un-

likely to be large. Relevant to this concern is the view of the FAO observer, Dr Holt, who placed on record his view that no proposals to take substantial numbers of whales under research permits should be endorsed unless satisfactory arguments are put forward, substantiated by full documentation that such catch will not significantly affect the stock, especially one which has been previously depleted or is thought to be small in absolute terms.

The Japanese intend to issue a permit for next year for 120 bryde's whales in the South Pacific and 120 bryde's in the Indian Ocean. The new rules of procedure will require some screening of proposed Scientific permits and commenting by the Scientific Committee. When asked in the Technical Committee whether they intended to take into account the comments of the Scientific Committee on their proposed permits, Japan said they would not reply to such an insulting question.

Joanna Gordon Clark

Goals for whale groups for next year

1. Moratorium on Agenda
2. Get other items on the Agenda 60 days prior to IWC Meeting (by March 1978)
3. Get organisations based in whaling countries to become accredited.
4. Use the trade in whale products resolution to pressure member government to ban trade.
5. Work on delegations well before IWC meets
6. Produce whale material to celebrate the whale.

Onward Action

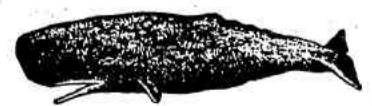
The 1977 IWC called for a great deal of work to be completed by 1978. It seems wise that we remind the IWC and governments that we know what was said and what commitments were made for 1978. As the Danish Commissioner meticulously pointed out, many resolutions were made in 1976, but little was forthcoming in the way of data requested by the Scientific Committee or fulfillment of promises made by states for specific action.

Conservationists believe that an International Whaling Conservation Lobby based in Cambridge at the doorstep of the IWC is needed. It will liaise with environmentalists everywhere, constantly feed them with advice and information as to how, when and where to best apply pressure on the IWC.

It will keep IWC activities under surveillance, make thorough preparations for the next IWC meeting and continually remind the Commission of the long list of promises which can no longer nor so easily be deferred from year to year.

J. Gordon Clark of FOE UK will find the personnel and will draw up a detailed plan. About \$10,000-15,000 will be needed in the first year. A fund is being established to support the IWCL. Please send your donations to the Whale Action Fund, C/o FOE UK, 9 Poland St., London W1V 3DG, England.

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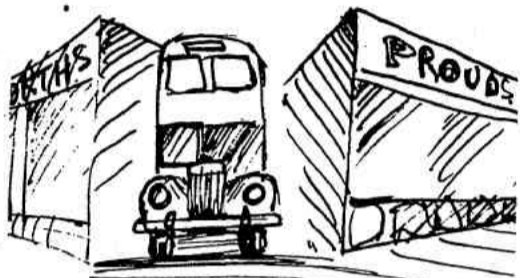
CONAGHAN'S CANBERRA

... what to eat

... and what to avoid

I have a problem with this article, I reviewed the 'Dubbl Dekka', and unfortunately I cannot find any nasty or caustic comments to make - just simple food served in a simple fashion at cheap prices.

For all those unalert people who walk around with their eyes closed, the 'Dubbl Dekka' is a bright yellow double decker bus that is situated in Garema Place, wedged between Woolworths and Prouds.



The food there is filling and interesting. The bill for two people came to only \$4.00, which runs rings around the Refectory considering food, service and imagination.

I started with a savoury beef pancake at \$1.15, that was nothing fabulous, except it was rather large. The sumptuous creature I had the pleasure of lurching with, chose a corn and ham jaffle, which smelled delicious and if one judges quality by the rapidity in which something is consumed, this jaffle must have been excellent.

'Home-made' cake always arouses suspicions of authenticity, but the 'Dubbl Dekka' actually sells real suburban variety home-made chocolate cake, rendered with four inches of cream. For only 50c the giant slab of chocolate cake was excellent value.

I was coerced into buying a dessert jaffle on the condition that I only had to eat half of it. I was not too enthusiastic about having what is basically a toasted apple sandwich, but it was very tasty and nicely spiced.



The milk shakes at the 'Dubbl Dekka' are really something to rave about - rich, thick and ch'ap. The run of the mill flavours are only 35c each, and not half filled - practically all the way to the top. Coffee is only 40c a cup, and tastes nothing like the sludge we are exposed to in the Refectory.

The service at the 'Dubbl Dekka' is excellent. The waitress that served us had a smile permanently engraved on her face and was most helpful.

The food is quite substantial and delicious, and at bargain prices. It is also decidedly pleasant to eat al-fresco on something other than regency style wrought iron garden settings.

For those in pursuit of a good, wholesome, plain fare, at student prices, the 'Dubbl Dekka' should be your next stop.

Geoff Conaghan

CIDI'S LAST WORD

I would like to take this last opportunity to mention to you something of the coming events and to thank people for the help they have given me over the past 12 months.

Being Student Services Officer has been an experience I won't forget. The job at times has been rough but on the whole I have really enjoyed my 12 months here. I have met a great many good people through this job, both in the entertainment business and outside of it. There are many people I have to thank, not least the students who have given me their support over the last 12 months. I would like to thank all the people concerned with the S.A. for the support and encouragement they have given especially when the going was rough. I would also like to thank all the guys in Kevin McLaughlin & The Murrumbidgee Orchestra who have worked hard to give us good music and good bar nights.

Activities are now an established part of the Union and will continue to be so, as long as students give their support. Activities may be in for a rough time soon so I hope you will continue to give your support especially to the new Student Services Officer (Bob Downing at the moment).

During July there will be the usual bar nights and there will be lunch-time concerts every Thurs. in the bar up to October. There will also be a dance on Fri. 29th which the Rugby League Club is sponsoring. I have managed to book the band Rainshine who proved to be very popular at the Bungendore Folk Festival in March so it should be a good night. I wish Bob, activities and everyone the best for the future.

Cidi Scott

HANU REPORT

Just a short note, after two meetings and a lot of talk I am more than ever convinced of the need for a gay group on campus for all ANU Homosexuals. Society may be patriarchal, but it is also *heterosexual* - and we need all our gay brothers and sisters in homosexual solidarity. It is the duty of all male homosexuals to support women's liberation, and it is the duty of lesbians to help their brothers. Only by working together can we give each other strength.

The idea of someone (perhaps me?) running on a homosexual/student welfare/support abortion clinics in A.C.T. Legislative Assembly has been put up. Any ideas/suggestions are welcome.

The second edition of 'Camp Us' is now out, with a lead article on the revoking of pro-Homosexual Legislation in Miami, USA. Also the next HANU meeting will be Wednesday 29/6/77 in the Music Listening Room, ANU Union.

These meetings will now be held regularly every second Wednesday beginning this Wednesday (except where we conflict with ANUSA meetings, an important affair that all ANU groups should avoid clashing with).

For editions of *Camp Us*, and any ideas/suggestions on HANU, contact me, (Robert Taylor)
C/- SA Office
ANU Union Bldg.

COMING ACTIVITIES IN THE UNION

- Tues. 27 June FAIRPORT CONVENTION Concert - Ref.
- Tues. 12 July KEV. & the M.O. - Bar night - Ref.
- Thurs. 14 July DAVE KAIN BAND - Lunch-time - Bar
- Sat. 16 July SPRUNTER - Bar Night
- Tues. 19 July DAVE KAIN - Bar Night
- Thurs. 21 July CROSSFIRE - Lunch-time
- Fri. 22 July KEV. & the M.O. - Bar night
- Tues. 26 July KEV. & the M.O. - Bar night - Ref.
- Thurs. 28 July GORDON & GRIFF - lunch-time - Bar
- Fri. 29 July DANCE - RAINSHINE - Ref.

UNION BOARD ELECTIONS

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY UNION

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

1. In accordance with Clause 16, Section 2 of the Constitution, I give notice that it will be necessary to hold an annual election of ten members of the Union Board of Management by the general membership of the Union.
2. Persons eligible to vote are every ordinary and life member of the Union except a person suspended from membership under Section 9, sub-section 2 of the Constitution during the period of suspension.
3. There are ten seats to be filled. The members elected will hold office for the period of one year from the date of election.
4. I invite nominations of persons for election. Each person nominated must be an ordinary member or life member of the Union, unless his eligibility has been rendered invalid by Section 2, para. 8 of the Election to the Union Board of Management Rules.
5. Nominations must be made on a form prescribed and available from the Secretary and shall be signed by at least two members of the Union eligible to vote at an election and shall contain a written statement of the willingness to act, if elected.
6. Nominations must reach me by 4 p.m. on Friday, 1st July, 1977. They should be delivered to my office in the Union or posted to the Returning Officer, The Australian National University Union, Box 4, PO Canberra, ACT 2600. In either case the envelope should be clearly endorsed 'Nominations for annual election'.
7. I list of persons qualified to vote and the relevant provisions of the Union Constitution and the Election to the Union Board of Management Rules may be consulted at my office and will be made available to any member on request.

NOMINATIONS

CLOSE FRIDAY

M.T. Wright
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2XX has never had a midnight to dawn shift but to celebrate one year with a Canberra-wide licence we shall broadcast for all 48 hours of the weekend 2nd and 3rd of July. 2XX went on air on the 2nd of July 1976 and since that time has tried to offer a range of segments and shows with a variety of approaches and formats. Hopefully over the birthday weekend we will be able to present you with those types of programs that you seem to have enjoyed most. We would have liked to present actual highlights of the year's broadcasting, a 'best of' approach, however a severe shortage of tapes restricts us from keeping adequate archives and the transitory relevance of many programs prevents us from doing so.

During the weekend we hope to be able to provide examples of the wide range of programs that could typically be heard during the course of a normal week's broadcasting as well as many of our regular weekend programs that have over the year established keen followings, such as *Quite Contrary*, the program produced by the 2XX Women's Collective, which will be presenting a special on Women and Broadcasting. Saturday's lineup will also include unspecified fun and games in the early hours of the morning, an expanded local musicians program in the afternoon which will (weather permitting) become an informal concert on the lawns outside the Station. *Writers' Workshop*, our new program for local writers will be on at its normal time and will be followed by a request program in which subscriptions and donations to our Studio 'C' project will be gratefully acknowledged. Saturday evening's programs will include a repeat of Dr Stephen Fitzgerald's convocation lecture of China, our regular comedy program *What's so Funny*,

and a late night Rock Special.

The Rock Special leads into Sunday morning which is your chance to have your say on 2XX and participate in more midnight to dawn 'unpredictable radio'. A special edition of *A Lark in the Morning* starts the daylight broad-

on Sunday mornings. On July 3rd we will incorporate in *Extracts* a montage of some of the more thought provoking programs recently presented and a look at the development of the *Interchange* program. The normal Sunday *Jazz Collector* will be replaced by a Jazz program

with the life of Sylvia Platz produced and acted by local Canberra people. We will also be broadcasting a special prepared by the Pacifica Public Broadcasting group in the U.S.A. titled '*Who Killed Bobby Kennedy*'. Our weekends 48 hour broadcast will wind up with a musical montage program which will attempt to cover all types of music and relate them to each other possibly the most ambitious of the whole weekend's activities save the task of persuading you, the listeners, to join in our celebrations and help us provide what you want in the next 12 months broadcasting.

We will be asking you to contribute in many ways during the weekend; musically, through the request program on Saturday evening, verbally, in our midnight to dawn segment, on Sunday morning, when your comments thoughts and ideas can be recorded and played on air.

The major function of the weekend's broadcast cannot have escaped you, we need more financial support if we are to continue broadcasting for another year and this is the third way you can contribute to 2XX's birthday weekend, either by subscribing or by making a contribution to our Studio 'C' project.

At the risk of sounding like a cracked record the point should again be made that without subscribers, that is, without public financial support, 2XX WOULD NOT EXIST. I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you who is a subscriber for your subscription and express my hope that 2XX will measure up more and more to some of your higher expectations.

Mark Dodshon
2XX Program
Co-ordinator.



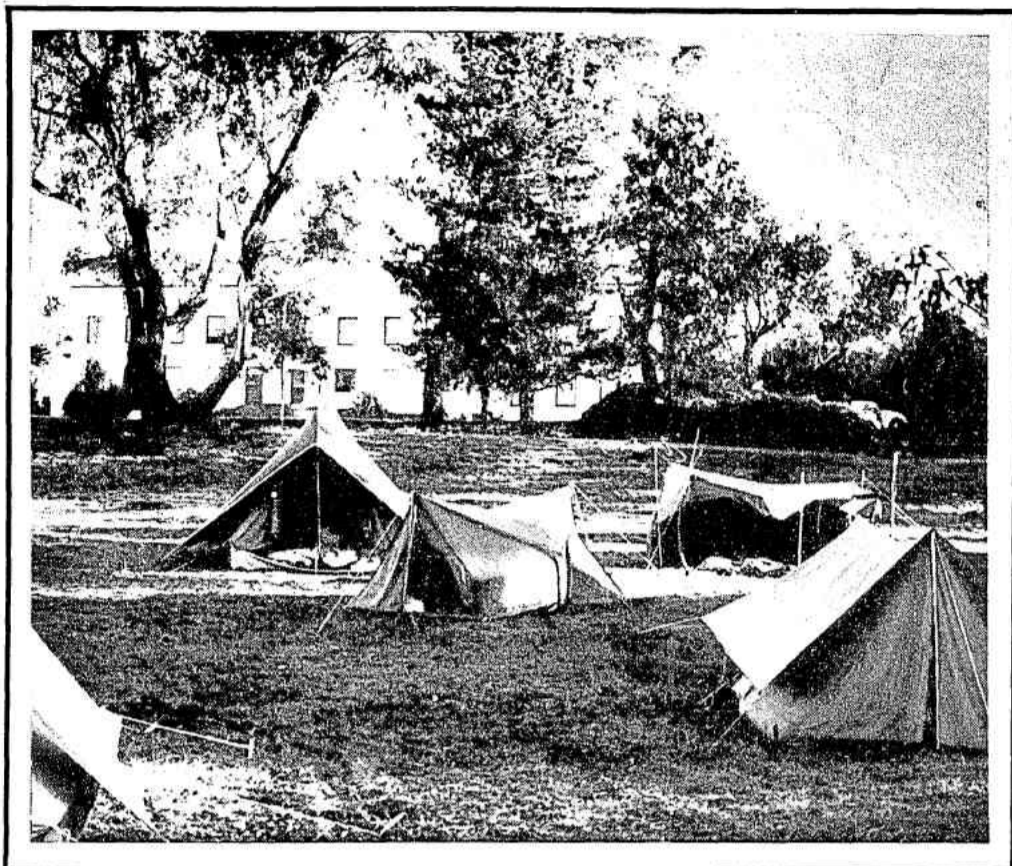
cast on Sunday and will continue our appeal for the subscriptions that are needed if we are to broadcast for another year.

Our popular weekday morning *Interchange* program has for some time now been represented on the weekend in '*Extracts from Interchange*' presented

incorporating all the different types of Jazz that can be heard at various times on 2XX

Sunday evening's lineup includes the *Early Music* program, our program on the instruments of music, a program on Nostalgia and a radio play dealing

C.A.R.E. FOR SOWETO



Soweto was remembered — by untold numbers of people all over the world. Some people remembered of their own accord; others were jolted into remembering by the resurgence of media coverage of events in Soweto, and others had to be reminded that Soweto is the name of a black township — not a person.

Apart from clarifying that last misunderstanding, the Campaign Against Racial Exploitation (CARE) here in Canberra took a number of opportunities to draw public attention to both the situation inside South Africa and Australia's relationship to that situation — or should I say - relationships - the one we'd like to believe we have — and the one we do have.

One of these opportunities presented itself on the evening of June 9 — when Australia broke yet again, United Nations Resolution No. 31/6 (i) (passed Nov. 1976). This Resolution calls on all member nations to immediately sever all economic, diplomatic and consular ties with South Africa.

On the evening of June 9, a farewell reception was held for the South African Ambassador to Australia, J.B. Mills at the South African Embassy. The actual existence of this embassy in Australia, symbolising official recognition of the South African government, has been denounced by the General Assembly of the United Nations, and all member countries have been asked to end this diplomatic recognition (One can be forgiven, in thinking that our Prime Minister is being forced under threat of death to maintain this recognition following his overseas statements against apartheid.)

CARE is struggling to have these United Nations Resolutions implemented, and our picket outside the Embassy that night was essentially concerned with this aim. We attempted to inform those guests who attended the function, what their action signified. By attending, these people were virtually saying they recognised apartheid as a legitimate policy to be followed by the South African government. Most of them didn't seem to understand the logic of this reasoning, but surely they can realise that Mills represents a racially-elected government? Voster didn't get the vote of anyone of the 18 million blacks in the country simply because they aren't allowed to vote. Do these guests of Mills then agree with this basis for determining a government?

The day after the reception, CARE set up a vigil outside the Embassy, continuing up to June 16 — the anniversary of the events at Soweto. During this week we launched the book *Black Ban*, written by Ian Scott and dealing with sport under Apartheid. Also during this week, we enlisted the support of the general public to express disagreement with apartheid, by tooting their horns outside the Embassy. (One unexpected 'tooter' was Michael Yabsley, but I'm sure he has a good excuse for this uncharacteristic behaviour).

Throughout this week preceding the anniversary date, media reports of sporadic disturbances in South Africa were filtering through. As usual, one had to look for the 1 to 6 paragraph columns before discovering that 20 students were detained — incommunicado and without trial — for alleged 'plotting of subversive activities', or to learn that seven blacks were shot by police during a rally in East London (South Africa). But of course we even learned the make and size of the guns used to kill two whites in John Vorster Square and we were able to hear Kruger's version of that incident on A.M. (A.B.C. Radio program). Unfortunately a phone interview with a black South African was a little more difficult to obtain. I'm sure the A.B.C. tried...

On the morning of the 16th, we wanted to draw in another aspect of Australia's complicity in maintaining the brutal degradation of black South Africans, i.e. the economic support we give to the whites which enables them to maintain their current economic stranglehold over the majority of people in that country. This is a subject most embarrassing to the Australian government because it reveals clearly where our interests lie. Our interests, as defined by the Australian government are determined by our favourable trading position with South Africa. The balance favours

Australia by \$70 Mill. And it is obvious that Mr Fraser has no compunction about putting self-interest before humanity.

Fraser either doesn't understand or care about the inhumane policies which are integrated into the social order of South Africa. But he seems to be trying for the position of Jimmy Carter Jr. from Down-Under, and therefore he has learnt his lines for the international stage.

So Fraser can afford to recite award-winning lines on 'human rights', 'violations of basic human dignity' etc. but his policy of maintaining trade with South Africa indicates that he can't afford to cut this support of a brutally racist government, which seems to have effectively bluffed most of the governments of western and eastern nations.

On the same afternoon, a mock re-enactment of the demonstration in Soweto last year took place outside the South African Ambassador's residence. Neville Legge, an ex Coloured South African, along with Neville Curtis, ex-president of N.U.S.A.S. (National Union of South African Students), Braimah — current president of the African Students Association here in Canberra and Michael Shegog, National Co-ordinator of FCAATSI spoke to the crowd. As usual, we were well supported by the police.

The tone of the media reports of our demonstration outside the Department of Overseas Trade on the morning of June 16 — which took the form of a black slave auction — vindicates our belief that the economic link between Australia and South Africa is an extremely sensitive point with both the government and other capitalist interests in this country.

After the rally, it was decided to continue the vigil until Fraser returns. As members of the community who resent being represented by a hypocritical Prime Minister, we would like to expose this hypocrisy and maybe achieve something to the effect of drawing together Australia's stated position and our actual position in regard to South Africa. so that we may follow a consistent policy of total non-support for the while, racist government of South Africa. Another facet of the hypocrisy is Australia's own brutal degradation of Aborigines — and the existence of apartheid in this country, in the form of the Queensland Acts.

CARE feels that it has something positive to achieve in Australia in its campaign against racial exploitation. We have the goal of severing all Australian links with the white, racist government of South Africa, in particular the economic support we offer. In achieving this, we will only have succeeded in implementing United Nations Resolutions, which should have been heeded by any sincere government before now. And we have the goal of ending apartheid in Australia.

Debbie Madden

ARE YOU A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE?

All student representatives of any sort are asked to contact the Students' Association Office (turn right at the top of the stairs in the Union Building, or phone 2444 internally), and tell us their name, a way to contact them, and the position they hold. Representatives from individual units are especially urged to do so.

A great variety of matters and difficulties are brought to the Association and its Education Committee. Many of these matters are in the first instance the business of individual student representatives, often at the unit level. We need to be able to refer such matters to the student representative or representatives concerned. This

would be an invaluable service to many students.

All student representatives are urged to put us in a position where we can help students contact them. If you are a student representative of any sort, please contact the SA office and inform us of your name, how you can be contacted, and what your position is (say, member of Science F.E.C. or student representative for Sociology BO3, etc.).

(Ed. — Woroni would also like to know who you are — please!)

2nd AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY CONFERENCE Melbourne Uni August 13 & 14

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THE FOCUS

The Conference programme will centre on three areas:

- A. Australian Capitalism, *with emphasis on current crisis points*
- B. Imperialism and the World Economy
- C. Theoretical issues in Political Economy

THE FORMAT

Since the Conference is intended to be primarily oriented to concrete problems of Australian capitalism, we are placing a strong emphasis on workshops. A workshop situation, with its flexibility and scope for general participation, facilitates the best possible exchange of ideas and experiences on such problems. Lectures, also important, will serve to integrate the programme.

Lectures: will be scheduled for 1½ hours maximum. It is expected that this time will be divided equally between lecture and subsequent discussion. (groups of approximately 200).

With the exception of the overseas speaker, the plenary session and a small number of initial lectures, other lectures will run *concurrently* with the workshops and will be arranged to allow thematic development and to enable participants to select a range of workshops and/or lectures.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Re your last ANUSA general meeting report. There are several implied and directly stated accusations thrown at me which need explanation.

Firstly, you imply my handling of the Clubs/Societies portfolio is bad. Who are the clubs who have contacted you, for none have contacted me? or are you making up your 'reactions'?

Secondly, you imply a certain lack of economic knowledge on my part over the confusion about defining 'balance sheets' and 'budgets'. I am not an economics student, however that specific amendment was examined by every club on campus which is affiliated - including the *Economics Society* and the *Economic History Society*. Further, the SA Treasurer also approved it. Is it any wonder I was misled?

Thirdly, the opposition to the Pro-Life grant which led to the curtailing of the Club/Societies Committee's Discretionary powers was opposition to *that society*. It was a political ploy against an unpopular group. No other yearly grant (NUDE, SCUNA, etc) had previously been refused. It would be interesting to note (but you probably won't) the fate of future Pro-Life grants.

Fourthly, you imply that I am politically cynical and undemocratic because of the walkout over the SA phones motion). You don't mention that the quorum count was taken twice, only leading to the meeting collapsing when the Chairperson stopped including non-students! Also I objected to the timing of the motion. It seemed undemocratic in the extreme to spring such a motion without giving notice to the 57 clubs and societies who would be directly affected. Having since discussed the matter with my committee, we (the committee) have decided to move a similar motion which has very necessary restraints on the President's abuse of this discretionary power included. I have also contacted all clubs informing them of this so that they may attend the next ANUSA

meeting and defend their rights. Undemocratic?

I have seen the 1975 and 1976 *Woroni* fall to editorial bias, but had hoped that the 1977 editor would live up to his promises and avoid such inference. Vol. 29 No. 6 was a disgraceful example of the abuse of editorial power. I watch with increasing disappointment the fall of a virtuous man.

Your last issue (Vol. 29 No. 7) was no less suspicious. Under the headline *'Disciplinary Committee Charges Dropped'* you dismiss in one paragraph the end of the 2XX fiasco which you previously devoted a page to. Is it no longer news, or are you politically partisan?

Perhaps absolute power does corrupt absolutely.

Robert Taylor

Ed.: Rob reads more into the S.A. meeting report than I put into it. For instance in your third point you failed to notice that I merely reported what happened, I am well aware of the politics surrounding the Pro-Life Society and as you well know I take a keen interest in all grants. There are other shortcomings in your letter, relating to your failure to distinguish between editorial bias and the bias of individual writers to Woroni (including myself)

Nat. Sozi.?

Dear Editor,

The 'important' compilation of several minutes of obscenity nicely counterpointed by a fine grasp of the democratic process as expressed by Miss Anne Cuddy (*Woroni*, Vol. 29 No. 6, 1.6.77) illustrates most forcibly - if any further proof were needed - the decline of the radical left in student politics. Miss Cuddy spoke of 'working-

class' students, and much was made of the links - real or imagined - between students, workers and others in their efforts to bring down Fraser, commence the revolution, and return mankind to the position it enjoyed before the Fall. To say that the whole performance smacked of the farcical is to be both obvious and repetitious. What is perhaps less obvious is the reason for this, and for the decline referred to above.

It can be summed up in one word - irrelevance. Whether the vanguard of the proletariat likes it or not, the vast majority of university students are desperately uninterested in the promulgation of the socialist fatherland. The same issue of *Woroni* reported that 8% of tertiary students were of 'working-class' origin. It appears that this 8% are the focus for the attention of the radical left, and the rest of us imperialist running-dogs can go stuff ourselves. So long as the appeal remains strictly limited, the cause of students is at a standstill. It is a sad fact, but the majority of we reactionary scions of good bourgeois families get very bored by appeals to 'smash the U.S. multinationals' or 'oppose Russian imperialism'. We are not impressed by pseudo-Marxist rhetorical cliches. There are too many causes and too much crap being sprouted by self-appointed pundits. If we go to a rally to express anger at the events of Nov. 11, we are assailed by uranium, East Timor, aborigines, homosexuals, women, whales, the Molonglo Arterial, Barton House, education cuts, the AUS Bureaucrats and the struggle of the peoples of Southern Africa; all of which are very important, and all of which are totally irrelevant to the original purpose.

By the simple fact that students are amongst the best-informed groups in our society, and probably the group with the most time on their hands, they are in a position of potential influence. They are in a position where they can organise, and make their views known. But to be effective, various campaigns must have the support of the overwhelming

majority of students. Nothing looks more ridiculous than a demonstration comprising 47 people. This paucity of support also indicates to outside observers that the mass of students, either don't care, or don't support the particular cause in question. These observations are not necessarily correct, but that is the impression which is given. The great ideologies realised that the people need to be organised, and a lead given. The self-indulgent posturing of fashionable radicals is just not good enough.

Nat. Sozi.

Rally regardless

Dear Editor,

Regarding Clive McKillop's letters, all I can say is that he's used the time-honoured instrument of democratic manipulation - he defined the purpose of the meeting! Great! Since when has one person's idea of why people came along (which I assume means the same thing as what the meeting was for) ever broad enough to satisfy all. 'Firstly, he was not speaking to the motion, which was that the rally march to Parliament House not that the rally & Mobilization be called off. Is Clive for Bureau cratic duplication? it means that Alistair would speak twice if he was to follow procedural rules. 'secondly, the meeting was not a forum of political viewpoints towards government cutbacks in education but a rally specifically organised to protest against cutbacks.' Now this is really crucial. What's the point of having a meeting which is supposed to be politically oriented if anyone who does not agree is told that the meeting isn't for people to disagree at? If students want to confront 'issues' they're going to have to do it from the heart, not through a ritualistic demonstration where the only mass participating consists of chants and even they are led!

July Martyn.

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